

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~A communications system is provided that can be easily manipulated by users and does not require service providers to expand the system. The~~ A communication system includes a server, a client terminal, and a communications network linking ~~them~~ the server and the client terminal. The client terminal ~~has means for transmitting~~ transmits a user identifier to connect the client terminal to the server. In the server, a disconnection condition table stores a user identifier and a service user specified by the user identifier, in conjunction with protocol information regarding a contracted disconnection condition. The disconnection condition related to a user identifier received when the server is connected to the client terminal is retrieved from the disconnection condition table. The connection status ~~to~~ of the client terminal is monitored when the client terminal is connected to the server. ~~It is decided whether or not the connection status corresponds to the retrieved disconnection condition. If yes, the client terminal is disconnected.~~ If the connection status corresponds to the retrieved disconnection condition, then the client terminal is disconnected.